

Re: File organization different in XP than 2000

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Dave,

Good article, but I responded to it with the following:

Clarification/caveat, lets add the case of Ie10_01 to the mix, then we have the following:

In Windows XP:

- Ie4_01
- Ie4_128
- Ie5
- Ie6
- Ie10_01
- Ie401sp2
- Ie501sp2

In Windows 2000:

- Ie10_01 (very wrong)
- Ie4_01
- Ie4_128
- Ie401sp2
- Ie5
- Ie501sp2
- Ie6

Therefore, my own personal conclusion, to properly handle the sorting of numerical values in files in either OS:

1. Don't rely on the OS to do your thinking for you.
2. Instead the best method to follow is to think ahead and use padding, and other thinking ahead methods. For instance the following are just wrong/troublesome:

- Ie401sp2
- Ie501sp2

Instead they should be (using the original naming conventions):

- Ie4_01_sp2
- Ie5_01_sp2

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Thus, the following naming will always sort properly in either OS:

Ie04-001

Ie04-001-sp2

Ie04-128

Ie05

Ie05-001-sp2

Ie06

Ie10-001

Note: I personally prefer hyphens (single keystroke) here rather than underscores (keystroke gymnastics).

Dates are another similar issue. I find the best naming in this case is YYYY-MM-DD. For us Americans this may seem foreign, but it actually makes chronological sense. Also, although 8000 years from now this system will seem shortsighted & will fall apart, ask me if I care.

My 2¢,

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